

FUNCTION 800: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Function 800 includes the fiscal operations of the Department of Treasury (including the IRS's tax collection activities), the Legislative Branch, the Executive Office of the President, personnel and property management and general purpose fiscal assistance to states, localities and U.S. territories.

	(\$ Billions)						
	1999 Actuals	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
President's Budget:							
Budget authority	17.1	14.1	16.1	16.3	16.4	16.6	16.8
Outlays	15.8	15.0	15.4	15.8	16.2	16.9	16.8
OMB Baseline:							
Budget authority	17.1	14.0	14.4	14.8	15.2	15.6	16.0
Outlays	15.8	15.0	14.7	14.9	15.3	15.8	15.9
Budget compared to OMB Baseline:							
Budget authority	---	0.1	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8
Outlays	---	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Most of the spending for this function is for discretionary programs. The President's 2001 budget increases funding for general government activities by \$1.6 billion, or 11 percent from the 2000 level. The President is recommending the following major program changes:

- < President Clinton is requesting \$8.8 billion for the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**, an increase of \$800 million or 10 percent from his request for 2000.
- < Beginning in 2002, the President proposes tax incentives for electronic filing for the first time. Taxpayers who file online will receive a \$10 refundable tax credit and those who are eligible for the TeleFile program who submit their returns via telephone will qualify for a \$5 refundable credit. The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 includes a congressional directive of 80 percent electronic filing by 2007, however, the most current IRS projection is for about half of all returns to be electronically filed by that date. Between 2002 and 2007, the total amount requested is \$2 billion for these credits and over ten years the total is \$3.2 billion.
- < In a reversal from his budget request last year, the President is calling for an increase of \$703 million in the **Federal Buildings Fund**. Last year, the President had proposed to reduce spending for 2000 by \$187 million.
- < The President wants to spend \$324 million for the **District of Columbia** in 2001, an increase of \$11 million over his proposal for 2000.

- < The President's budget calls for the hiring of an additional 500 **Alcohol Tobacco & Firearm** agents.
- < In his 2001 budget request, the President introduces a new mandatory spending program called the **Payments to State Stabilization** fund. The President's request for this new account is \$270 million for 2001 and \$1.4 billion over the next five years.
- < The President has requested \$40 million in supplemental spending for the creation of the **Staffing Tax Administration for Balance and Equity (STABLE)** initiative to improve the IRS's enforcement and customer service activities.

